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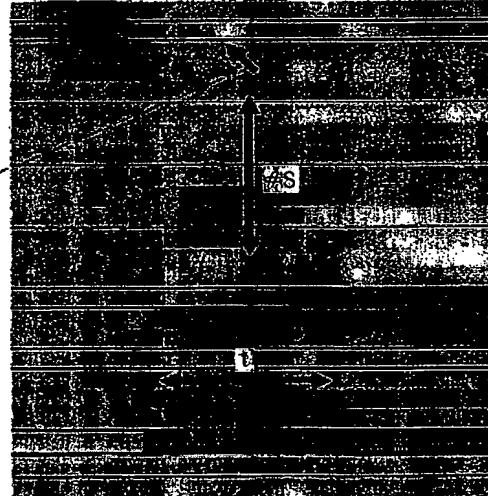
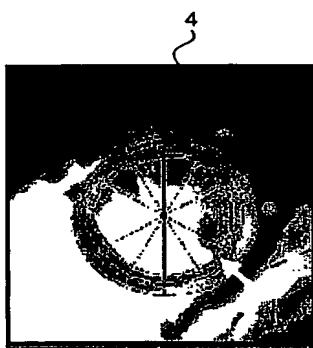
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 - g. schemes, rules or methods of performing purely mental acts.
 - h. schemes, rules or methods of playing games.
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 - j. methods for treatment of the animal body by surgery or therapy.
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the description the claims the drawings
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A meaningful search is not possible on the basis of all claims because all claims are directed to a scheme, rules and method for performing mental acts (Rule 39.1(iii) PCT) and to presentation of information (Rule 39.1(v) PCT).

Claim 1: This independent claim only contains algorithmic rules or steps which can be performed as a purely mental act by a person. A person is certainly able to form mentally or on paper a multidimensional output data array which comprises array positions arranged along at least a first data-axis and a second data-axis and to enter quantity values in this multidimensional output data array in the way as specified in claim 1. Therefore, no technical process for carrying out at least some part of the method is specified in claim 1.

Claims 2 - 9: Dependent claims 2 to 19 only contain algorithmic rules or steps which can be performed as a purely mental act by a person as well.

Claim 10: Dependent claim 10 results in a mere presentation of information.

Claims 11, 12: The independent system claim 11 and the independent computer program claim 12 do not specify any technical means for the implementation of the method in claim 1.

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